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Update on the Neuse River Flooding

Wayne County, NC – The Wayne County Office of Emergency Services continues to monitor storm impacts and river levels after Wayne County received 3-6 inches of rain this week. As of 12:15 today, the Neuse River was at 17.83 feet. Minor flood stage of the Neuse River in Wayne County is 18 feet. The National Weather Service is forecasting the Neuse River to crest in Goldsboro at 25.6 feet by Sunday at 1:00 p.m. Looking at historic crests, Wayne County recorded a level of 29.74 feet during Hurricane Matthew and 27.60 during Hurricane Florence. If you live in a flood-prone area and are concerned the water may force you to evacuate, now is the time to move to a safer area with friends or family until it is safe to return.

As always, do not drive through floodwaters, over flooded roads, or around "road closed" signage. This puts your life at risk and also the lives of first responders who have to rescue you if you become disabled. At this time, there are no expected impacts to the US-117 bridge in Wayne County. For the latest road closures in Wayne County from the NCDOT, visit www.waynegov.com/roads.

Emergency Management staff will continue to monitor this situation and provide updates as information changes. We urge residents to register for CodeRed at www.waynegov.com to receive weather alerts for your neighborhood.

